

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action entered on January 28, 2008. Claims 1-13 and 16-18 were pending in the application. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 4-7 and 9-12 were objected to for depending upon rejected claims but were indicated as allowable if rewritten to remove any such dependencies. Applicants note that claims 4 and 9 are amended to be independent and to include all limitations of their base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims. Claims 5-7 and 10-12 depend (directly or indirectly) on claims 4 and 9, respectively. Therefore, claims 4-7 and 9-12 are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Rejected claims 1-3, 8, 13 and 16-18 are hereby cancelled.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

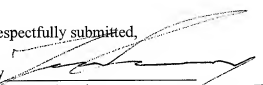
If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032043900.

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